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In re the Application of: **ABE, Koichiro** TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No.: **10/006,717**

Examiner: **Roz GHAFOORIAN**

Filed: **December 10, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **3617**

For: **DISPOSABLE SYRINGE DEVICE AUXILIARY UNIT FOR
PREVENTING IATROGENIC INFECTION THROUGH NEEDLE**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended so as to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit for preventing iatrogenic infection through a needle, comprising: